

## POTATOES SOAR WHEN CROP SHORTAGE KNOWN

MALHEUR POTATO GROWERS CASHING IN ON RISING MARKET—ONLY FEW CARLOADS SOLD ON EARLY QUOTATIONS

61,000,000 BUSHEL SHORT

Spuds Will Bring \$180,000 to Growers of County On Estimated Crop of 200 Cars of Early Varieties—Last Potatoes Also Promise To Bring Good Prices

Malheur county potato growers are "sitting on top of the world". Rivaling the men with big fruit crops, the producers of the lowly spud are profiting by national shortage of 61,000,000 bushels which was reported by the department of agriculture Monday.

Potatoes which until two weeks ago appeared to be a drug on the market suddenly jumped in price and the upward trend has been steady. It has occupied the thoughts of the growers and the attention of everyone interested in farm products.

Today potatoes are selling at various prices, with quotations of more than \$3 per hundred offered some of the ranchers. If this is the average price at which the early potato crop of the county is marketed \$180,000 will be received by the potato growers of the county, for it is estimated that 200 carloads will be harvested.

The yield per acre in the valley varies. Some of the ranchers report five tons while others declare their yield will be eight tons per acre.

W. L. Gibson, sales manager of the Malheur Potato Growers' association, at a meeting of the directors held here last Saturday was given authority to proceed to contract all the crop of the members as soon as they could be dug.

At the meeting over which President Pete Tenson presided were Jonas Brown of Oregon Slope and Frank Weaver, directors present. John Vines, the other director, was absent.

Manager Gibson outlined the development in the market, which at that time had not reached the ramp developed Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Gibson said: When we started this organization there was no market, and we advocated holding. There were some offers of 90 cents, but I thought it best not to contract until we could learn just what the situation would be.

As the result of our organization few of our ranchers sold and we are all in a position now to profit by the fact that we did hold together. Over in Idaho the speculators have control of the stock now and many of the ranchers realized only \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hundred.

"So far only seven carloads have been sold from this section at from \$1.00 to \$1.10.

"There are 114 ranchers with fairly large fields of potatoes in the county. Of these 46 belong to the association. If the ranchers will continue their co-operative effort, I am sure that next year the potato business in this section will be more stabilized. We have three things to do however.

First: Buy good seed. We have lost \$50,000 this year on poor seed, if not more than that.

Second: Get a competent committee to handle the purchasing of the seed and the sale of the crop.

Third: Get prepared so that we can put our crop on the market early in August.

Mr. Gibson has worked night and day during the past two weeks to organize the effort and keep the ranchers informed as to the current quotations. And while many of the ranchers have benefited by this effort and still remained out of the association, the work is to continue.

An example of the loss which some of the ranchers have suffered through lack of information is given in the fact that one or two carloads were sold to commission men at \$1.25 when the association was being offered \$1.50.

While there are only about 800 acres in potatoes this year it is believed that next year this acreage will be increased ten fold.

Freight Rate Reduced

Another factor in the potato situation was the filing of the order of the Interstate Commerce commission granting the request of Union Pacific for permission to reduce its rates by 8 cents per hundred. This information came from Congressman Nick Sinnott with whom the matter was taken up by local bodies. The actual starting of the formal effort came from the railroad officials to whom application for reduction was made direct by the Commercial club as well as many individuals. The reduction will be effective next Monday and will vary from 4 to 10 cents per hundred for the territory covered.

Representative Sinnott this week sent to H. B. Cockrum the complete report of the commission's finding in the matter.

Lee Robinson, son of A. Robinson is on the sick list this week. Mrs. Claude Derrick was in Ontario from Jamieson Tuesday visiting friends.

## OLD OREGON TRAIL BLOCKADE DUE TO DESIRE TO SAVE BED

Travel has been so heavy over the new grade for the old Oregon Trail across Dead Ox Flat that the engineers for the Highway Commission have been compelled to blockade the highway in sections. This was done to save the road bed, and will be but temporary for the gravel work is progressing to such a degree which will permit the opening of the sections now closed in a short time.

## STILL FOUND ON RANCH SIX MILES SOUTHWEST OF CITY

Phillip Dauchler Fined \$250 and Given 30 Days—Mrs. Dauchler Destroyed Part of Evidence But Not Enough To Stop Conviction

Phillip Dauchler, rancher living six miles southwest of the city on the Boulevard plod guilty before Judge C. M. Stearns last Saturday afternoon to the possession of liquor. He was fined \$250 and given 30 days in jail by the judge. He is serving out the sentence in the county jail.

Dauchler had been under suspicion by the authorities for some time, when they noted that he was spending a great deal of time about the city. Armed with a search warrant Marshal H. C. Farmer and Deputy Sheriff Charles Glenn went to the Dauchler ranch Saturday morning and got the goods on the place.

They found the still, a steel steam cooker, and portions of the coil used. They also found four quarts of moonshine and a barrel of mash.

Before they found this, however, they had an interesting time with Mrs. Dauchler who proved the truth of Kipling's observations relative to the female of the species etc. Mrs. Dauchler was determined not to let the officers have an easy time. Before they could restrain her she ran to the ranch pump and after throwing rocks into a hole near the well proceeded to pump vigorously to fill the hole with water. Her effort was partially successful for she smashed some bottles in the hole and destroyed the efficiency of their contents by dilution methods employed.

Not satisfied with that she tried to get into the house armed with a stove hook, but the officers interfered and she was kept outside by Deputy Glenn while Marshal Farmer made the hunt which resulted in the discovery of the booze.

Dauchler was docile when arraigned before the judge and entered a plea of guilty and took his sentence. Friends endeavored to have the sentence reduced in vain, for as the judge declared: "They all look alike to me. He knew what he was doing and he must receive the same sentence which others have been given in this court."

## RACE PROGRAM TO BE STAGED DURING FAIR

Arrangements Completed For Bringing 40 Bang-Tails to Ontario for Annual Exhibition—Other Sports Also

Assisted by direct contributions from business men, but assuming their own risks, while permitted to have all of the receipts at the grandstand a committee of horsemen have arranged to stage a race program during the county fair. James M. Blanton is to be manager of the races and he has gone to McCall this week to sign up a bunch of fast ponies entered at the annual McCall meet.

"We have already listed a bigger string of ponies than has ever run at any of the meets in the valley," said Mr. Blanton before he left for the lakes.

"We have 40 horses assured and will undoubtedly have more. That will assure us from five to seven entries in every race.

"We will have, too, a number of events to be put on between the races so that the crowd will have something to be interested in every minute of the four hour program.

"While we are to have the receipts of the grandstand to finance this show, it will also be necessary to secure assistance from the business men, and we have been assured by many that they will help."

Further details of the program will be given later.

The Fair board has secured a number of special premiums for exhibits. One of them is a Victoria for the best community exhibit which has been donated by the Ontario Pharmacy.

## SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Two Members of High School Faculty To Be Selected—Buildings Have Been Painted and Prepared For Fall Term

Monday, September 19, has been selected by the School Board as the opening day of the 1921-22 school year.

This is two weeks later than the opening day of last year and was purposely selected so that the boys and girls from the ranches may have that much additional time to work in the orchards and aid in picking and packing the fruit crop. In preparation for the opening day the buildings on the west side have been put in thorough repair. The roofs and wood work of the High School and Grammar school have been painted and other needed repairs made. Last year similar work was done on the Eastside school.

While all of the teachers have been employed for the primary and departmental school, there are still two vacancies in the High School faculty due to resignations.

The following is the administrative and teaching force of the schools: J. M. McDonald, superintendent of schools; S. M. Boucher, principal of High School; M. D. Thomas, agriculture; Catherine Conway, English; C. A. Lathrop, mathematics; Carrie Bagly, commercial; Helen Dunstone, music; Ada M. Lee, physical education; Ruth Cabren, history. The positions of teacher of domestic science, and of modern languages is yet to be selected.

In the departmental school the following is the faculty: Will J. Roberts, principal; Mrs. Will J. Roberts, physiology; Mrs. W. W. Howard, Hazel Smith and Mae Platt, assignment of studies not listed.

Grade School: Mrs. W. F. Hoeman, Cora McNulty, Vera Nosh, Etta McCright, Ruth Luckey, Beryl Stith, Mrs. Pearl Jamieson. Eastside school: James L. Turnbull, principal; Mrs. Estelle Conklin and Miss Laura Wherry.

## DECISIONS HANDED DOWN IN TWO MUCH DISCUSSED CASES

E. A. Fifer Held to Have Been Insolvent When A. Robinson Received Mortgage—Hirsch Trustee Deed Declared Valid

At Vale Tuesday Judge Dalton Biggs handed down two decisions in cases which have occupied the interest of many Ontarians when he decided the case of W. H. Doolittle, referee vs. A. Robinson.

In each case the identical question was involved; namely the solvency of the giver of mortgage or deed. In the bank case the court held that there was no reason to believe that the bank knew Hirsch was insolvent when it took a trust deed to his property, and therefore judgment was awarded the defendant.

In the case of Doolittle vs. Robinson the directly opposite finding was made when the court ruled that E. A. Fifer, whose creditors were represented by Mr. Doolittle as trustee, was insolvent when he gave a mortgage to Mr. Robinson, and that the latter was reasonably presumed to have knowledge of Fifer's financial condition. The court therefore found in this case for the plaintiff and awarded damages in the amount of \$5,500.

J. R. Blackaby Returns From Conference With Reserve Head

J. R. Blackaby returned Sunday from Portland where he was one of four country bankers called into conference with officials of the Twelfth District Federal Reserve Bank. As the result of this conference Mr. Blackaby is very optimistic over the early revival of normal business conditions, evidences of which are already to be found in many lines," he said.

## NEW SERIES OF PICTURES CONTRACTED FOR THEATRES

Herbert Paul, manager of the Majestic and Dreamland announces this week that he has contracted for a new series of pictures the first of which will be shown this week.

"Under the new contract we will have for Ontario patrons all first run pictures, including the best releases obtainable, showing such stars as Charlie Chaplin, Doug Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Tom Mix; and the long list of Paramount, Universal and other company stars."

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman and family returned this week with the general exodus of Ontarians from their camps at Payette Lakes.

W. E. Lees returned Sunday from Jordan Valley where he went on legal business matters concerning the filing of water rights in the Owyhee adjudication.

W. H. Brooke and son Jimmie returned Sunday from Jordan Valley where Mr. Brooke represented clients in the adjudication proceedings. Mrs. Christine Nelson left Wednesday for Missoula, Montana for a visit with her daughter.

## PLAN ORGANIZATION TO FORWARD PROJECT

Meeting Called For Friday of Officials of All Irrigation Units Within Boundaries of Proposed Big Project

For the purpose of forming an organization to look after the details of organization and other needed steps looking toward the construction of the proposed Owyhee Project a meeting has been called for tomorrow of representatives of all the irrigation units now in existence within the boundaries of the big district.

The call for meeting was made this week and already replies have been received, from more than half of the bodies to be represented, saying they will be represented.

Since there is a great deal of preliminary work in view of the changes contemplated by the government engineers including the addition of thousands of acres not within the boundaries of district formed years ago it has been deemed advisable to form a permanent organization to care for these details and raise the money necessary to further the work. The meeting will be held at the city hall.

## NEW PLYMOUTH RANCH HAND MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS

Was Otter, farm hand who has been working on the Shaw ranch near New Plymouth, disappeared last Saturday and has not as yet been found. He is a man about 35 years old, weighing 125 pounds. The team which he was driving was found tied to the fence and when last seen he was walking on the bank of the irrigation canal. Three months wages were due him when he left the ranch, it is said. Marshal H. C. Farmer has been notified and a description given. The country surrounding New Plymouth and the Shaw ranch has been searched without results.

## KNIGHTS ANNUAL PICNIC IS ENJOYABLE CLAN GATHERING

Idaho Knights Win Ball Game and Are Challenged By Oregonians For Return Match—Idaho Takes Tug-of-war.

The annual gathering of the Knights of Columbus of Snake River council at Hengger's grove was a repetition of the success which these gatherings have achieved each year. This year there were beside the local knights a number from Boise and more distant points.

As per schedule the Idaho knights won the big event, the tug-of-war, and on top of that turned in and defeated the Oregonians in the ball game. This proved more than the Oregonians could stand so they challenged the Idahoans for a return game. The date will be given later.

The winners of the other events were: girl's race, Clara Ryan; Misses race, Miss Church; boys under 16, Ray Church; small boys, Ray's brother; Men's race, Andrew Castle; fatmen's race, Mr. Murry of Boise; horse shoe pitching, H. H. Tunney and John Keegan; champion food dispenser, Pat O'Brien.

## Home With High Honors Won

William Blackaby returned home from Eugene Sunday. Mr. Blackaby remained at the University to complete his collegiate courses for his degree, thus making up time lost while in the service. He had the distinction of winning the highest scholarship standing achieved by any member of his fraternity the A. T. O. and also to be one of the highest in the class which graduated this year. He left this week for Jordan Valley for a short vacation trip before seeking employment.

## McNair-Jones

Surprising their many Ontario friends, was the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Nan Jones and Lew McNair, of this city, at Boise. The wedding took place last Wednesday at the parsonage of the Baptist church of that city. Rev. Backst performing the ceremony. After a two days stay in the Idaho capital Mrs. McNair returned to Ontario and ara at home on the East side, where they have been receiving the congratulations of friends.

## Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

Court formerly of this city will regret to learn that Mrs. Court was seriously injured in an auto accident in Boise Wednesday night. With Mr. Court she was riding in a street car when it was struck by a street car. Mrs. Court was taken to a hospital where it was believed she was suffering from internal injuries. Mr. Court escaped with a few minor bruises.

Mrs. Ivan E. Oakes and son John and Mrs. Mary A. Heron, who were vacationists at Payette Lakes returned home Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. D. Lytle and Mrs. C. C. Burrow and son Charles of Vale.

## BOSTON WOOL TRADE SEES REVIVAL IN NEAR FUTURE

Sheepmen and financiers interested in the wool business who follow the Boston market reports from the Hub City are encouraged by the reports which have been printed in the papers of that city. These have been uniformly optimistic of late, in many respects. To the Boston authorities on wool a revival in the wool trade is expected. Particularly of interest to wool producers is the authoritative statement that the clip this year was the smallest in 40 years, due to the sending of so many sheep to the slaughtering pens. The reports also indicate that the amount of foreign wool on hand is diminishing and purchases of foreign clips have almost ceased.

## PORTLAND FATHER & SON BUY McDOWELL CO., CHANGE NAME

Ontario Trading Co. To Be New Appellative of Firm—A. L. McDowell Retains Position of Manager

The McDowell Furniture Co. which was bought by Mr. Schmidt last winter has again changed hands. Mr. G. W. Ingram and son of Portland have bought Mr. Schmidt's interest and the son is in Ontario now to take charge. Mr. McDowell is still connected with the store in the position of manager, and the young Mr. Ingram will be Secretary and Treasurer of the Co. Mr. Ingram intends to make his home in Ontario. The new firm will be known as The Ontario Trading Co.

## OLD NEBRASKA FRIENDS AID IN CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

A number of former Nebraskans gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarty southwest of the city last Sunday to assist them in celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary.

After being served a bounteous dinner prepared by Mrs. McCarty the guests spent a very pleasant afternoon together in the shade on their lawn reciting "old times" among the cornhuskers. In the evening they departed to their various homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. McCarty many more pleasant anniversaries. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarty, of Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cowham, Dave Straud and daughter, Gwendola, of Nampa, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of Nyssa; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, of Mindew, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Skow, Miss Gertrude Skow and Messrs. Emmett McCarty and Earl Skow of Ontario.

"Royal Purple" Degree Conferred At a session of the Encampment No. 45 I. O. O. F. Wednesday evening the "Royal Purple" degree was conferred on Al Andrews following which the members enjoyed a social session.

## FARM BUREAU TO PUT ORGANIZERS AT WORK

C. E. Frost and W. T. Ellertson to Recruit Members For Bureau in Oregon Slope and Upper Malheur Valley.

Launching the campaign for a more complete organization, the executive committee of the County Farm Bureau decided at a meeting Monday evening to put organizers into the field to solicit memberships. To start the campaign two men will be employed at once. C. E. Frost was named to solicit the Oregon Slope region and the territory near Ontario while W. T. Ellertson, of Vale was named to work around Vale and in the Upper Malheur and Willow Creek valleys.

Mrs. H. O. Drane left Monday for a short visit in Portland. Miss Anna McGivern accompanied by Miss Ellen Nelson of Portland, left Wednesday for a trip through the Yellowstone.

Al Smith of the Alexander Clothing Co., Weiser, Idaho, was an Ontario visitor Saturday. Four young men, college mates of Bryan Neeb arrived in Ontario this week from the Artillery Training Camp near Louisville, Kentucky. The boys drove through in a Ford car leaving Louisville, July 25th and going by way of Chicago, back through Indiana and through the Yellow Stone Park, on their way here. Their destination is Portland, Oregon, and August 10th was the day set for their arrival there. Bryan said they reported one blow out and no engine trouble.

## HOMAN HEADS ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS OF CHAPTER MEET MONDAY AND CONSIDER PLANS FOR WORK DURING FALL AND WINTER—NEED FOR WORK ANTICIPATED

## AID GIVEN MANY LAST YEAR

Calls Already Made For Relief—Thrift Shop Planned For Fall and Winter—Many Soldier Appeals Cared For Civilian Relief To Be Principal Activity

W. F. Homan will be the chairman for the 1921 Red Cross Roll Call which will take place during the week from November 11 to Thanksgiving Day. He will be assisted by vice chairmen from Oregon Slope, Cairo, Nyssa, Kingman Kolony, the Big Bend and Owyhee. This action was taken at a meeting of the directors of the chapter held at the City Hall Monday evening. At this meeting the reports of the auditing committee and of the civilian relief committee were read and filed.

Relief Given in Many Forms An idea of the work which the Chapter has been doing quietly during the past year can be gained from the report of Mrs. Henry Griffin under whose direction it is carried forward.

Nine families in the territory from Ontario to the Big Bend were given relief during the past winter. Each of these is designated in the report by a letter and were administered to as follows:

- A. Furnished bedding and clothing for mother and two children.
- B. Groceries furnished on two occasions, and clothing supplied for four children.
- C. Furnished, clothing, fuel and bedding.
- D. Clothing furnished for five children.
- E. Clothing furnished for mother and baby.
- F. Groceries furnished twice, and clothing furnished for five children.
- G. Clothing furnished for two children, and groceries supplied on two different occasions.
- H. Groceries furnished by Chapter, while Charity Ball association purchased the clothing for five children and their mother.
- I. Groceries furnished, mother and two children.

The relief thus afforded needy families was undertaken following the investigation of the merits of each case by Mrs. Griffin, and the total sum spent was \$500, more than half of which was spent for families in and south of Nyssa, the balance having been spent for families in Ontario.

Ex-Service Men's Relief Seven ex-service men have been given relief of various kinds, and a total of \$86 has been loaned to service men. Beside this a number of ex-service men have been aided in getting their papers straightened out so that they could receive their compensation.

Plan Thrift Shop At the meeting Monday the establishment of a Health Center and a thrift shop was considered, and both were recommended. However it was decided to await the coming of cooler weather before attempting either of these.

In the health center it is proposed to follow the general plan of having a supply of the things needed in sick rooms, which often cannot be afforded by many families. These will be loaned to those in need, and when returned perfectly sterilized and held available for others.

With the thrift shop it is believed that sufficient clothing could be secured and repaired to supply several families during the winter. From this health center, too, an educational campaign can be carried on and literature on health and hygiene distributed where needed.

## BOY WITH GUN AND BLANK CARTRIDGES DEMANDS RIDE

On the way from Bend to Ontario Mr. and Mrs. Robert Polhamus and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cloukie of Port Angeles, Washington who were the guests of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Graham this week had a unique experience. Just this side of Bend they passed a boy who was carrying a gun. He waved and apparently demanded a ride, but Mr. Polhamus who was driving did not stop at first. Then the boy started firing the gun, and of course the car stopped. When he reached the car the boy demanded that he be given a lift, and his demand was granted. After a while the tourists stopped and told the boy they could not take him across the desert, and he became abusive and threatened them but Mr. Polhamus seized the gun and wrested it from the young fellow and emptied the chambers. Then they found that it had been loaded with blank cartridges. When they left the boy at a ranch house he was still making dire threats because they would not carry him further, though he apparently had no definite destination. After visiting here for several days the Port Angeles visitors started home accompanied by Mr. Graham.